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GAS PIPELINE IN MYANMAR AND BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to approve the gas pipeline project with Myanmar and Bangladesh as reported in `Rashtriya Sahara` dated November 19, 2004;

(b) if so, whether the pipeline is likely to originate from Myanmar;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the States of the country likely to be connected by this joint gas pipeline alongwith the details; and

(e) the estimated annual income to be earned by the Government after commencement of the said pipeline?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) and GAIL(India) Limited (GAIL) are partners with Daewoo International and Kogas of South Korea in A-1 Block in Myanmar. They have struck gas in this block. The gas can be transported from Myanmar to India through an on-land or offshore pipeline, subject to availability of gas in commercial quantities justifying a pipeline. The most economical option appears to be an on-land pipeline transiting through Bangladesh. However, the Government of Bangladesh has to take a final view in the matter. A meeting of the Ministers in charge of the Petroleum/Natural Gas sectors of the three countries is being arranged.

(d): States in the Eastern and North-Eastern part of the country are expected to be the main beneficiaries of the proposed pipeline.

(e): The proposal is at a preliminary stage and these details have not been worked out.